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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE

REF: STATE 51463

1. I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED AND MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR
FAREWELL MESSAGE UPON MY RETIREMENT FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE.
AS FOR YOUR REFERENCE TO LONGEVITY, NOW THE RECORD FOR ANY
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER CURRENTLY ON DUTY, MAY I PARAPHRASE
NATHAN HALE IN SAYING I REGRET THAT I HAVE HAD NOT MORE
THAN ONE STOMACH TO GIVE FOR MY COUNTRY.

2. MORE SERIOUSLY, IT HAS BEEN A REWARDING PRIVILEGE
TO HAVE SERVED THE UNITED STATES IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE
FOR 43 YEARS AND TO HAVE KEPT IN MIND WHAT IS SOMETIMES
LOST SIGHT OF: NAMELY, THAT THE PURPOSE OF DIPLOMACY IS
PEACE. TO THIS END I HAVE WARMLY SUPPORTED YOUR SKILLFUL
EFFORTS AND WELCOMED THE SUCCESSES THEY HAVE ATTAINED.
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FUTURE ACHIEVEMENTS IN ADDING LUSTRE
TO THE HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY AND IN SAFEGUARDING THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD. BEST REGARDS.
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